

8 (b) separating the fungal biomass of the *Aspergillus* strain from the culture
9 medium to obtain a separated fermentation liquor,

10 (c) adjusting the pH of the separated culture medium to between about 4.5 and
11 about 1, and

12 (d) recovering the mevinolin product.--

rule 1.126
1 ~~10~~ 15. In a process for preparing mevinolin by fermentation of a biomass
2 in a culture medium, which includes dissolving mevinolin formed by the biomass
3 into the culture medium obtained by cultivation of an *Aspergillus* bacterium strain,
4 and separating the biomass from the culture medium to obtain a separated culture
5 medium, separating the mevinolin from the separated culture medium, and recover-
6 ing the end product, the improvement which consists essentially of carrying out the
7 dissolving at a pH between about 8 and 9, and
8 carrying out the separating of the mevinolin at a pH of between 4.5 and 2.--

Claims 3, and 8-11, in line 1 of each, change the claim dependency from
"13", to depend from claim ~~14~~.⁹

NE Delete claim 13.

Claims ~~4-5~~, in line 1 of each, change the claim dependency to depend
from claim ~~15~~.¹⁰

REMARKS

Claims 3-11 and 14-15 are in the application.

The claims are redrafted in accordance with the expanded disclosure of
the CIP application with respect to the more generic phrasing for the identity of the
Aspergillus chain.